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A LONG SEARCH.

Everywhere Kitty had sought the quotation—
Browning and Tennyson, Shelley and Long-
Shakespeare she handled with great veneration.
Shutting, however, the tomes with a bang.
Byron she searched, and Swinburne so burn-
ing—
Gosse, Austin Dobson, Stevenson, Moore.
Leaves of each one she was fustily turning.
Hopeless her search as ever before.
Then wearied, tearful, she angrily flung
Out of the library—rushed she distraught.
"Let's give it up," then she postively blurted.
"For I have forgotten the line that we
sought."
—Exchange.

A SHOWER IN THE VILLAGE.

This Word Picture Somehow Awakens
Pleasant Memories.

Over the whole village that stillness
reigns which only a Sunday in summer
can produce. It is nearing the noon
hour, and there is a glare of sunlight
everywhere.

The quiet of the streets seems to be
intensified as one approaches the corner
where the small stone church stands
alone. There is a service going on in-
side, and the rolling music of the organ
faintly wafted from within reaches the
deserted streets outside. Rows of houses
with closed blinds and unoccupied door-
steps meet the eye on every side, and
down a narrow lane near at hand a
freshly painted barn gleams hotly in the
fierce sunshine. Three or four pigeons
have fluttered to the roof and are sun-
ning themselves and softly cooing.

Near the door of the church a horse
and buggy stand, and now and again
the animal, bothered by flies, stamps
and splashes in the shallow puddle un-
der him.

A dog trots lazily up the street and
stops on his way to chase and bark at a
few belated sparrows. One of the pigeons
stalks with dignity across the roof, and
another flutters into the air with a
whirring sound and disappears.

The sound of the organ has died quite
away and only the distant clinking of a
disturbed hen breaks the quiet. The sun-
light seems to have taken on a darker
shade.

A sharp gust of wind sweeps up and
down the street and rushes through the
foliage of the sleeping trees. The spar-
rows that occupied the street are not in-
sight. No living thing is to be seen, and
the newly painted barn, that a moment
ago looked scorched and blistered, seems
to have taken on a cooler tinge. The
breeze has died quite away, and there is
a moment of supreme stillness.

Then a dull, sullen sound that seems
like the roar of a distant train steals
upon the air. It comes again, and there
is no mistaking it—it is thunder. A
furious rain runs across the lane and
disappears behind a board just as three
large drops mark the dust covered side-
walk. Drops are falling everywhere,
and as they increase in number they de-
crease in size. There is a gentle patter
on the sidewalk, on the house tops,
through the trees, which becomes into
a steady rush of falling rain. The land-
scape is almost shut out from sight.
Slowly and by hardly perceptible de-
grees the steady rush becomes a pater,
and the sun, with sudden brilliance,
changes each drop to a glistening di-
mond.

The rain ceases, and the sparkling
trees gently shake themselves in the
sunlight.

The shower is over.—Walter M. Eg-
ginton in New Bohemian.

The Nose.
The nose is intended for breathing,
the mouth for speaking and eating. Who
has ever seen a horse breathing other-
wise than through his nostrils? Minute
scientific investigation has revealed the
fact that the number of people who
breathe through their nostrils are be-
coming gradually but surely fewer in
number. The consequence is that the
nostrils decrease in size, while it has
been found that the prevailing nose is
quite an inferior organ to that of our
forefathers.

Doctors at the present time are fre-
quently asked to operate on noses and
enlarge them. Their owners have
found that they do not fulfill their func-
tions as well as they used to. It is be-
ginning to be feared by scientific people
that if matters grow much worse we
shall lose the use of our nasal organs
entirely.

It is a well known physiological fact
that unused muscles and bones gradual-
ly disappear. Fish who live in the
dark, for instance, or the mole, whose
sides underground, become blind. Thus,
if we cease to use our noses for breath-
ing, they will cease to exist. They will
become superfluous!—Pearson's Weekly.

Subtle Flattery.
A certain rector in a Suffolk village,
who was disliked in the parish, had
curate who was very popular, and, on
his leaving, was presented with a testi-
monial. This excited the envy and wrath
of the rector, and, meeting with an old
lady one day, he said:
"I am surprised, Mrs. Bloom, that
you should have subscribed to this testi-
monial."

"Why, sir," said the old lady, "if
you'd bin a-goin', I'd have subscribed
double!"—London Tit-Bits.

Queer.
Mrs. C.—Doctor, you were at the last
illness of my eldest boy?
Doctor.—Yes.
Mrs. C.—You also tended profession-
ally my first husband, who died?

Doctor.—Yes.
Mrs. C.—Well, my second husband
is ill, and I would like you to see him.
—London Fun.

Amateurs who undertake to lay a
floor should remember that one-fifth
more siding and flooring is needed than
the number of square feet of surface to
be covered because of the lap in the sid-
ing.

The Erie canal, in New York, was
the first artificial waterway begun in
this country. Ground was broken for
this enterprise July 4, 1817.

THE WAIF'S OPINION.

Thought People Who Worked For Noth-
ing Were Foolish.
One wore the modest blues of the Sal-
vation Army, the other the ragged re-
mains of the street waif. Both were
girls, and both were selling papers.
They came together on a Market street
corner. The newsgirl eyed The War
Cry lassie for a minute or two, and then
sidled slowly up to her.
"How 'a biz?" she asked.
The girl in the blue uniform and poke
bonnet looked at the little tot in sur-
prise.
"Not very good," she answered after
a moment.
"Folks ain't buyin de papers very
swift, eh?"
"I'm not selling many War Crys, if
that is what you mean."
"Does yer have ter stay out till yer
sells 'em all?"
"No, I don't have to, but I generally
do."
"Take yer a long time teneight, eh?"
"Yes. I will be out very late, I ex-
pect. I'm awfully tired too."
That seemed to determine something
the ragged one evidently had been turn-
ing over in her mind.
"I only got a couple more papers left
myself," she said, "an if yer don't
mind I'll help yer out."
The novelty of the proposition or the
desire for assistance caused The War
Cry lassie to accept the proposition, and
half of the Salvation papers were turned
over to the newsgirl. The latter started
to work vigorously, and pretty soon
had the other girl's papers going like
hot cakes. Ragged newsgirls don't often
peddle War Crys, and the people she
approached appreciated the fact enough
to avail themselves of the opportunity.

In perhaps half an hour the ragged
one returned to The War Cry girl minus
papers, but with a little fist full of
nickels.

"Say," she said, "it's dead easy!
Wish I could sell 'em all de time. Is
dere much in it?"
"Oh, my, no!" The War Cry girl ex-
plained. "I don't get paid anything at
all."

The "newsgirl's" eyes opened wide in
surprise. Then she voiced her opinion:
"Den yer mus' be as easy as sellin
de War Crys was. I'm goin now.
Goodby!"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

IRON BAR 2,000 YEARS OLD.
A Portion of It Is Owned by the Iron
Chancellor.

S. T. Wellman, the metallurgist of
Cleveland, has a portion of a round bar
of iron—and a few like pieces are held
in the United States—that antedates
the Christian era by two or three cen-
turies. The iron, which had been origi-
nally hammered into plates and was
found in the temple of Artemis Leuco-
phryne, at Magnesia, Asia Minor. Dr.
Hermann sent it to Hallbauer, in Ger-
many, and the latter made from a por-
tion of it a memorial tablet. This was
presented to Bismarck in Germany.
He bore this inscription in German:
"For you, Prince Bismarck, the Iron
Chancellor, Hermann found this iron
in the temple of Artemis after 2,000
years and sent it to Hallbauer, who gave
it the form in which it shall bear wit-
ness that your deeds shall outlive mil-
lennia."

At the time of the presentation to
Bismarck Stahl und Eisen gave a photo-
graphic reproduction of the plate and an
account of the discovery of the iron.
The temple of Artemis, one of the most
magnificent of ancient monuments, was
rebuilt about 800 B. C., though by some
the date is put at 800 B. C.

The metal is described as approximat-
ing steel in its composition, though
closely akin to malleable iron. It was
made at a low temperature, and great
care was necessary in the forging. It
was found rather difficult to roll the
pieces that were preserved as relics,
these having a diameter of about one-
half inch.—Iron Trade Review.

The Chinese Are Self-Helpful.
The percentage of foreigners in our
hospitals, asylums and penal institu-
tions is overwhelming. But the Chinese
make little call upon us for philanthro-
py, and that only for medical help. Lit-
tle by little the people are coming to
realize the superiority of our medical treat-
ment, and in cases of severe sickness
they will sometimes turn to our hospi-
tals for help. But they ask no other aid
from us. If a Chinaman needs any mon-
etary assistance, his countrymen help
him without burdening our public phi-
lanthropy. It is not uncommon for a
man of one clan or friends from different
clans to band together to establish a
loan fund, every man giving so much
toward it week by week. This is loaned
to needy men without security or inter-
est, and when repaid it is loaned again,
and thus many a man is carried through
a sickness or set up in business, and
the outsiders are none the wiser.—"The
Chinese of New York," by Helen F.
Clark, in Century.

Brain Work.
The Washington Star surprised two
high school girls talking about their
graduation essays.
"Have you written yours yet?" asked
Mabel.

"Yes," answered Ethel.
"Wasn't it a lot of work?"
"Just dreadful! First, I had to hunt
up words that were big enough, and
then I had to keep looking in the dic-
tionary to see what they meant, and
honestly I began to think I never should
get it finished."

Consulting.
Suburban (entering station in a hur-
ry)—Was that my train?
Ticket Seller—It was only the bell
announcing the departure of your train.
If you hadn't stopped to ask the ques-
tion, I have no doubt you might have
caught it. Two last, isn't it?—Boston
Transcript.

SENEFELDER'S DISCOVERY.

The Great Value of Lithography in the
World of Modern Art.

The full significance of Senefelder's
great discovery, just 100 years ago, was
not so much that a calcareous stone
may be bitten by a weak solution of
acid, so that the raised portion when
pressed (the surrounding parts being
wet) may print in a press like a wood-
cut—though with a scraping, not a di-
rect downward pressure—but that consist-
ed in the demonstration, in the first place,
that prints from its surface may be re-
produced in vast numbers without vis-
ible deterioration, and in the second,
and still more important, that each such
print is practically an original. Nay,
more than this. As M. H. P. Dillon re-
minds me in a panegyric on his favorite
art, the greatest merit of this method of
preserving and indefinitely multiplying
a drawing lies in the ease of the artist
from the traditional tradition—from mis-
representations by engraver or by cam-
era. Indeed, when the artist has made
his design upon the stone itself, each
impression from it is as much the
original as each and every photo-
graphic print taken from a negative is
an original and not a copy of any other
thing. Even when the artist has drawn
upon transfer paper instead of on the
stone (proceeding for convenience sake,
which, in the opinion of some purists,
is held in a measure to invalidate the
name of lithography as applied to it,
though not thereby reflecting in any de-
gree on the beauty of the work itself),
the impressions taken are still original,
inasmuch as the actual work, the artist's
own lines and dots, have in due course
been transferred bodily by mechanical
pressure to the surface of the stone, and
this, after it has been inked and printed
from, renders each proof then taken of
equal excellence. And the point of it all
is this, that until the stone is inked and
a print taken, the artist's work is not
complete; so that every print does really
become a genuine original.—M. H.
Spielmann in Scribner's.

A FALSE START.
An Episode of Feminine Fairness In
Which the Rugged Won.

They were two pretty girls, and they
were evidently in high spirits when
they entered an almost empty car-
ette the other day. They carefully in-
spected the tubes which carry the fares
along the sides of the vehicle to the box;
then each one opened her purse.
"Tell you what," said the tall one.
"Let's race our nickels down, and the
one that loses pays for both?"
"All right, let's," said the short one.
"Got your nickel ready? Go!"
"Mine's first!" cried the tall one.
"Five cents, please."
"Why, look," cried the short one,
"we didn't start fair! The box is on
your side!"
"Why, so it is," said the tall one.
"Punny we didn't notice that before!
Let's try it over, and you stand that
much nearer the box."

Again they each put in a nickel, and
they dropped into the box simultane-
ously.

"Who has won, I'd like to know?"
said the tall girl. By this time the
driver was interested, and she spoke im-
patiently to them all. But the driver
turned suddenly to his horses, and the
other passenger looked out of the win-
dow, with a queer noise in his throat.

"I'm sure I don't know who has
won," said the short girl snappishly,
"but one thing I do know—we have
each paid 10 cents for a ride down
town!"

And, after the driver had been ap-
pealed to and assured them that he
could not return the superfluous coins,
they rode on to their destination in si-
lence.—Chicago Tribune.

The Tumble Weed.
Tumble weeds spread themselves in a
wholesale fashion. Instead of sending
the separate seeds out into the world
with wings or hairs to carry them, the
whole plant breaks off near the root,
when these are ripe, and goes rolling
along the ground before the wind. The
bare, sun scorched deserts of the great
west produce several dozens of the great
tumble weed, and they should be most
abundant where there are no hills nor
trees to stop them in their course. But
we have one tumble weed in the east—the
old witch grass, so called maybe be-
cause it rides the wind like an old bew-
cane. In September this grass spreads
its head, or panicle, with hairlike, pur-
ple branches, in every sandy field. When
the seeds are ripe, the plants are blown
across the field, often piling up in masses
along fences and hedgerows. As might
be expected, the hair grass, which has
so effective a way of spreading itself, is
found throughout the United States
from ocean to ocean.—Thomas H. Kear-
ney, Jr., in St. Nicholas.

A Spell.
Florence's father's initials are A. H.
S., and, while Florence knows her let-
ters, she is not yet able to spell. The
other day she came running to her
mother.

"Oh, mamma," she exclaimed, "I
can spell umbrella."
"I hardly think so," said her mother.
"But I can," she insisted.

"Very well. How do you spell it?"
"A-b-s," she said promptly.

"Why, Florence," contended the
mother, "that doesn't spell umbrella."
"Yes, but it does," she urged. "I
saw it on papa's umbrella, and I'd like
to know why it wouldn't be there if it
spelled something else."—Detroit Free
Press.

Mexican Police.
The Mexican police attend closely to
their duties and are very polite. At
night each policeman carries a lantern,
and this lantern is set out on the side-
walk opposite wherever he may be; so
it is possible to look down a street and
see a whole row of these twinkling lan-
terns.

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CHRISTMAS TIME
ALL BE HAPPY.

wise men came into the infant Jesus they him, "and when they their treasures, they to him gifts—gold, and myrrh." Thus beginning of our era such an illustrious ex- giving that we may al- look upon it as a command do likewise. In this earliest dance, however, we must remember that the chief offering was ship, and although we of this may not worship our friends may bear toward them a love is Christlike. This, however, often not the case. Some men give presents as though it were a duty which had to be performed once a year, simply as a custom which etiquette forbids them to entirely ignore. But this sort of giving is entirely foreign to the spirit of the life which the day celebrates. It is hypocrisy, sham and weakness to give more than one can afford, and the mere giving of a present without the expression of love and friendship is distasteful to a person of true feeling. Christmas is a merry season and preparation for it should not mean a lot of fret and worry. It is a time of love offering. The following from Lowell is to the point: "He gives nothing but worthless gold Who gives from a sense of duty; But he who gives but a slender mite, And gives to that which is out of sight, That thread of the all-sustaining beauty Which runs through all and doth of unite The hand cannot clasp the whole of his aims, The heart outstretches its eager palms, For a God goes with it and makes it store To the soul that was starving in darkness before."

A GREAT NEWSPAPER.

The San Francisco Examiner has now attained the immense circulation of 80,000 copies daily or over half a million per week. For the past few years the Examiner has made an amazing stride in the matter of circulation and it has outstripped all its competitors in that respect. One reason for its great success is that it is independent, bold and fearless in its expressions and enjoys the best news service of any newspaper on the Pacific Coast.

Sonoma souvenir spoons at Duhring's.

COUNTY GLEANINGS.

The Gil Hall criminal case was called before Judge Crawford Monday afternoon on a motion to set aside the two indictments returned against Hall by the Grand Jury. The five Grand Jurors, who were challenged when the first indictment was returned, were present and were examined. The Judge denied the motion and subsequently overruled demurrers to each of the two indictments. Pleas of not guilty were entered and both cases were set for January 26th.

A peculiar story of a case of a man possessed with a romantic fancy comes from the Mark West Springs district. There is a man, said to be well-to-do, who at certain periods has a strange presentiment take hold of him. During these spells he imagines that there is a young lady somewhere who is dying to marry him, and he gets considerably excited because he can not tell where she is. The case has created a good deal of interest in the neighborhood, and it is believed that the unfortunate fellow's mind is affected.

Deafness Cannot be Cured. by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars; free.

Sterling silver and plated ware at Duhring's.

Glassware at Duhring's.

Trophy

THE COUNTY TREASURY SUIT.

Judge Dougherty Decides the Civil Suit Against Captain Stofen.

It will be recollected that about two years ago a robber stealthily entered the County Treasurer's office at Santa Rosa. Finding Capt. Stofen, the custodian of the funds of the county, alone he covered him with a revolver and forcing him into the big vault locked him in and picking up between \$7,000 and \$8,000 that was in the money trays, made good his escape. After being locked up in the vault for eight or nine hours Capt. Stofen was released by his wife and others who had become alarmed at his disappearance. Some time after the robbery, suit was commenced by Sonoma county against Capt. Stofen and his bondsmen to recover the amount of the swag secured by the robber. The case was tried before Judge Dougherty, without a jury, and was submitted to him several months ago.

On Saturday last the long expected decision of the Judge was rendered. It was a great disappointment to Capt. and Mrs. Stofen and their many friends. An appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court. The decision is as follows:

In the Superior Court of Sonoma County, State of California. The County of Sonoma vs. Peter N. Stofen, et al., defendants.—Opinion.

This action is brought against defendant Stofen and his bondsmen, M. Doyle, A. P. Overton, Con Shea, J. H. Brush and the executors of the estate of Hollis Hitchcock, deceased, to recover the sum of \$7,815.79, alleged to have been converted by said Stofen to his own use, on or about the 28th day of December, 1896, while Treasurer of Sonoma county.

The defendants deny the alleged conversion and plead robbery as a defense.

Our Supreme Court has recently held that this is a good defense, but that the burden of proof rests upon the person alleging it.

Healdsburg vs. Mulligan, decided June 5th, 1896.

The testimony in the case has been transcribed and is on file. I have given it that careful consideration which the importance of the case suggests, and while I am unable to say that the defendant Stofen was not robbed, as alleged by him, I cannot say from the testimony that he was. The defense rests almost entirely upon his own testimony.

The plaintiff has established its case, and the defendants are found under the ban to present testimony in support of their defense, sufficient to enable the Court to say that they have established it by a preponderance of the testimony.

This they have not done. Plaintiff is entitled to findings in

Nervous

People often wonder why their nerves are so weak; why they get tired so easily; why they start at every slight but sudden sound; why they do not sleep naturally; why they have frequent headaches, indigestion and

Palpitation of the Heart. The explanation is simple. It is found in that impure blood which is continually feeding the nerves upon refuse instead of the elements of strength and vigor. In such condition opiate and nerve compounds simply deaden and do not cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla feeds the nerves pure, rich, red blood; gives natural sleep, perfect digestion, self-control, vigorous health, and is the true remedy for all nervous troubles.

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its favor upon the allegations of its complaint, and, against the defendant Stofen and his sureties upon their defense of robbery. Let them be prepared and presented, upon which judgment will be rendered for the plaintiff.

S. K. DOUGHERTY, Judge. Dated Dec. 12th, 1896.

The attorneys in the case were District Attorney Emmet Seawell for the people, and J. A. Barham and Burnett & Leppo for defendant Stofen and the bondsmen.

A Welcome Usher of '97.

The beginning of the new year will have a welcome usher in the shape of a fresh Almanac, descriptive of the origin, nature and use of the national tonic and alternative, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Combined with the descriptive matter will be found calendar and astronomical calculations absolutely reliable for correctness, statistics, illustrations, verses carefully selected, and other mental food highly profitable and entertaining. On this pamphlet, published and printed annually by The Hostetter Company, of Pittsburgh, 60 hands are employed in the mechanical department alone. Eleven months are devoted to its preparation. It is procurable, free of charge, of country dealers everywhere, and is printed in English, German, French, Spanish, Welsh, Norwegian, Holland, Swedish and Bohemian.

MISCELLANEOUS.

REPORT

—OF THE—

Financial Condition

—OF THE—

CITY OF SONOMA.

For the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1896 :

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury July 1st, 1895	\$ 318.49.7
Licenses	1131.00
Burial Permits	30.00
Street and Sewer Taxes	120.00
Personal Property Taxes	34.05
Taxes	904.34
Sale of old Lumber	3.50
Total	\$2541.08.7

EXPENDITURES.

Street Work	\$1348.31
Fire Apparatus	72.50
Sprinkling	51.00
Rebate	50.00
Lumber	58.00
Labor	171.50
Salary and Services	375.55
Printing	69.00
Supplies	19.62
Donations	120.00
Election	24.00
Miscellaneous	43.04
Commission of Treasurer	46.57.4
In Treasury June 30, 1896	62.21.3
Total	\$2541.08.7

Respectfully submitted,
F. BRITTENBACH,
City Clerk.
Sonoma, June 30, 1896.

I have examined the above report and find it correct.
H. MARTIN, Finance Committee.

Assignee's Sale.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT IN AND for the county of Sonoma, State of California. In the matter of Pietro Cheda, an insolvent debtor.

Pursuant to an order of the Court, made in the above entitled matter, I shall sell

AT PUBLIC AUCTION

to the highest bidder for cash in U. S. Gold Coin at the Cheda ranch, situated near the Petaluma road in Sonoma Township, county and State aforesaid, on

1. All of the right, title, interest and estate of said insolvent, now vested in me as assignee, to the premises on which the sale will be held, consisting of about 1200 acres of land and improvements, and subject to a mortgage of \$15,000, and interest, and said insolvent's homestead therein.
2. 105 milch cows.
3. 8 horses.
4. 10 yearling calves.
5. 1 boar.
6. 2 bulls.
7. 100 tons, more or less, of hay.
8. 1 hay rack.
9. 1 cheese sweater.
10. 1 cheese table.
11. 3 cow bells.
12. 1 stallion harness.
13. 2 sets double harness.
14. 1 platform scale.
15. 200 feet pine boards, 1x10.
16. 1 wine fermenting tank.
17. 1 Petaluma cart and harness.
18. 1 wagon and many other articles.

Full particulars can be obtained by applying to the undersigned,
A. BULOTTI,
Assignee of Pietro Cheda, an insolvent debtor.
Dated at Sonoma, Dec. 30, 1896.
INDIANA AUCTION CO., Auctioneers.

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—AT—

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Saturday, December 5th.

Having determined to make an unusual effort to increase our already large Holiday business we will place on sale this season a larger assortment of

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Spain st., North side of Plaza.

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Which he is offering at San Francisco prices. He will Not be Undersold by any on this Coast. It will pay you to Investigate.

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Solid Oak Bedroom Sets \$12.50
New Style Bed Lounges A 1 \$4.00
Solid Oak Extension Tables \$4.00
Elegant Writing Desks \$4.00

MURPHY, Petaluma.

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SONOMA, DECEMBER 19, 1896.

CITY OFFICIAL PAPER.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

THE DONAHUE RAILWAY.

President Foster Wins His Suit.

On Monday last the State Supreme Court rendered its decision in the suit brought by Sydney Smith against President Foster of the S. F. & N. P. Railway to compel him to recognize a director claimed to have been elected by a vote of Smith's stock and who was in favor of ousting Foster from the Presidency of the company. The latter refused to recognize the director opposed to his administration of the road, hence the suit. The case was tried in the Superior Court of Marin county, and from its judgment an appeal was taken to the higher court, which sustains Foster and leaves the management of the road in present hands.

THE STORM.

Heavy Precipitation—Rainfall for the Season 10.55 Inches.

The storm which set in last Saturday morning was the heaviest of the season, the precipitation for Saturday, Sunday and Monday being 3.21 inches. Robert Hall, local signal officer, reports the rain fall to date as being 10.55 inches, as against 6 inches last year for the same period. The season has opened most auspiciously for both farmer and dairyman and Sonoma Valley will no doubt score a bountiful harvest in 1897.

The Electric Railway.

Articles of incorporation of the Santa Rosa and Sonoma County Electric Railway Company were filed with County Clerk Fulton Monday. The stockholders are R. H. Warfield of San Francisco, N. W. Griswold of Kenwood, John F. Bybee of Palo Alto, Jesse B. Fuller of Marysville and J. L. Boone of San Francisco. The capital stock is \$1,000,000 divided into 10,000 shares of \$100 each. The amount subscribed is \$70,000, one half of which is paid up. On the same day a document was filed in the County Recorder's office in which N. W. Griswold, in consideration of 7,500 shares of capital stock, sells, assigns, transfers and conveys to the Santa Rosa and Sonoma County Electric Railway Company the franchise for building.

Supervisor Thompson.

Supervisor Thompson was sixty-two years old last Tuesday. A number of his Santa Rosa friends, he being in that city at the time attending to his Supervisory duties, learning of the fact, gave him a big "send off" at the Grand Hotel. Mr. Thompson is one of Sonoma's oldest and most respected citizens. He will retire from office on the first Monday in January. Mr. Thompson has made a conscientious official and well may his constituents, at the close of his official career, say, "well done thou good and faithful servant."

Basalt Block Industry.

S. Schocken has at present six blockmakers engaged in making paving blocks in his quarries north of town and when the spring opens will put on a large force of men. Some years ago over two hundred men were employed at remunerative wages in the quarries at this place, but owing to the substitution of bitumen for basalt blocks on the streets of San Francisco the demand for the latter has fallen off at a fearful rate the past few years.

Pigeon Shooting.

At the pigeon shoot held at El Laurel (the Half Way House) on Sunday last Garratt Hyatt and Wm. Church of this place participated. In the twelve bird match the former graced seven and the latter eight. The highest score was made by Joe Steiger of Petaluma, who killed twelve straight birds.

Catholic Church to be Dedicated

The new Catholic Church is now almost completed. It will be dedicated on Sunday, January 10th. Archbishop Riordan will be present and conduct the ceremonies, which will be very impressive. The first public services in the new edifice will be held on Christmas day, Rev. Father Whyte officiating.

Toys and notions at Duhring's. Fancy crockery at Duhring's. Framed pictures at Duhring's. Holiday goods at Duhring's.

City Trustees.

At a regular meeting of the City Trustees held last Wednesday evening the following members were present: Messrs. Seipp, Hartin, Poppe and Modini.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, after which the following bills were allowed:

P. G. Keil, fixing hydrants, \$3.25
P. G. Keil, stationery, 4.25
Jno. Revie, hauling gravel, 14.00
H. Castagnasso, " 11.00
L. Maffei, " 14.75
Geo. Spanning, " 28.38

Total, \$75.63

L. Fouts presented a bill for \$34.50 for hauling gravel, assigned to Geo. Spanning. The bill was reduced to \$28.30 and ordered paid.

The bill of Mrs. J. M. Knight for \$25, for alleged damages to a horse and wagon, caused by falling through the old bridge on Germany street, was laid on the table.

Clerk Poppe presented his semi-annual report of the financial condition of the city and it was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Secretary of the Sonoma Volunteer Fire Company appeared before the Board and presented a list of the firemen entitled to have their poll taxes refunded, together with the road and poll tax paid by them. It was ordered, on motion of Trustee Poppe, seconded by Trustee Hartin, that a warrant be drawn in the sum of \$44 in favor of J. H. Albertson, said amount to be paid to the following firemen: J. M. Cheney, \$2; Geo. Engler, \$4; Geo. Breitenbach, \$4; P. G. Keil, \$2; Frank DeMartini, \$2; A. Schweinhart, \$2; A. Bulotti, \$2; D. Codiga, \$2; A. E. Leech, \$2; G. S. Harris, \$2; J. E. Poppe, \$2; J. H. Albertson, \$2; J. E. Robin, \$2; Geo. Spanning, \$4; W. T. Wilson, \$4; J. Fochetti, \$2; D. Valente, \$2; Jas. B. Small, \$2.

Trustee Modini reported the bad condition of Napa street between the Catholic Church and the Vasquez creek. On motion of Trustee Poppe it was ordered that Trustee Modini have the necessary repairs made.

Complaints were also made as to the bad condition of the sidewalk on the north side of Napa street between Wegner's corner and the Catholic Church, also the bad condition of the Vasquez creek at periods of high water. No action.

The Clerk was instructed to procure necessary receipts, etc. The Board then adjourned.

Ladies' embroidered handkerchiefs at Duhring's.

Agua Caliente School.

The closing exercises of the Agua Caliente School, Miss Angie Gray, teacher, were held on Friday of last week. The following programme was rendered: Song, "Happy Greetings," class; recitation, "The Turkey," Fritz Steiger; recitation, "Patriotism," Ray Peterson; dialogue, "Counting the Chickens," recitation, "Christmas," Emily Bohin; recitation, "A Modern Lochinvar," Miss Marion Gray; recitation, "Kris Kringle," Joseph Burns; recitation, "Our Heroes," Gus Peterson; dialogue, "Playing School," recitation, "Politeness," Herman Steiger; recitation, "The Squirrel's Lesson," Emma Steiger; dialogue, "How the Story Grew," recitation, "Santa Claus," Marjorie Dorman; recitation, "Fourth of July," Jildo Baicigalupi; dialogue, "The Peace-makers," recitation, "The Boy and the Frog," Eugene Hunt; recitation, "Briar Roses," Marion Gray; dialogue, "Guess," recitation, "The Little Boy's Lament," Willie Steiger; dialogue, "The Rehearsal," recitation, "Manners," Richie McGill; song, Amy Zoberbier and Marjorie Dorman.

Brevities.

Nothing marked up at Duhring's. Don't buy before examining Duhring's holiday stock.

Judge Crawford on Monday last made an order setting aside personal property and homestead in the matter of Pietro Cheda, an insolvent debtor.

The final account of the estate of the late L. C. Prunty has been settled and allowed and the estate closed.

Fred T. Duhring has been appointed a Notary Public by Gov. Budd, his commission to date from December 4th.

Joseph Chelini of San Francisco has bought the land belonging to the estate of Mary M. Ewell and will shortly take possession of his purchase.

No one would drink poor tea if he or she knew the difference in tea.

Good tea is not costly.

Your grocer will sell you Schilling's Best, and return your money in full if you don't like it.

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GLEN ELLEN ITEMS.

P. Monihan will spend a few weeks at the Yulupa Winery, where he will engage in distilling.

Andrew Swanson has been engaged as foreman on the O'Donnell ranch.

Lake Superior, near the store of L. G. Atkins, attained a depth of four feet during the heavy rain.

Mrs. J. A. Poppe is building a barn and otherwise improving her farm on the Bennett Valley road.

Wm. H. Hilton, Jr., is home from the State University and will spend the holidays with his parents.

Clawson Bros, the blacksmiths, have closed up their shop for the winter, but will resume business in spring.

The county road leading to the California Home was badly washed away during the late storm and is now impassable.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Powers, an aged couple residing in the mountains northeast of town, were found a few days ago in an almost helpless condition. They were both taken sick with la grippe and being advanced in years could not help themselves. Through the kindness, however, of their many friends and neighbors they are rapidly improving.

The public school closed last Friday with appropriate exercises consisting of dialogues, recitations and singing. Miss Maud Miner, Miss M. Martens, Miss Edna Poppe and Miss Helen Wright were among the competitors for the silver medal for best attendance, which was won by Miss Helen Wright. The exercises as listed below were well rendered and much credit is due to their efficient teacher, Miss Juliette Gautier, as also to the pupils themselves. Following was the programme: Opening address, Willie Lang; song, "Ben Bolt," school; recitation, "Sixty Years Ago," Amy Poppe; "A Lover Without Arms," Pearl Allen; recitation, "The Cobbler," Edgar Downing; song, "School in Winter," school; recitation, "How He Does It," Helen Wright; motion piece, "The Little House," juveniles; speech, Milton Sobbe; song, "Speak to Me," school; instrumental solo, "Spinning Song," Helen Wright; recitation, "The Inventor's Wife," Maud Miner; recitation, "How Three Were Made One," John Wright; recitation, "I Am a Little Tot," Ora Cowen; motion song, "Dandelions," juveniles; recitation, "Katie Lee and Willie Grey," Katie L. Ping; recitation, "Going on an Errand," Ella Monihan; song, "Whip-poor-Will," school.

REMINGTON,

Glen Ellen, Dec. 17, 1896.

Handsome rocking chairs at Duhring's.

SCHELLVILLE SIFTINGS

John Mallon and Chas. Ohm visited Lakeville last Wednesday.

Jo. Guilfoyle has been visiting his mother in Sonoma the past few days.

Wm. Fowler returned from a several days visit to San Francisco last Thursday.

The recent rain stopped plowing on the Anton Kiser and other farms in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ohm attended the funeral of Mrs. Annie Weems in Sonoma last Tuesday.

Mrs. Carrie Lund of San Francisco is visiting her mother, Mrs. Capt. Green of Embarcadero.

A number of sacks of spuds were recently stolen from the potato field of Jas. Ahern. Jimmy now has his weather eye on all potato thieves.

A party of hunters from Santa Rosa spent Sunday in shooting ducks in the marshes near this place. Few birds were secured but the nine-pin alley in Vollmar's Hotel did a rushing business all day long.

Embarcadero people were compelled to wear their high-water boots last Monday. The storm which raged Saturday and Sunday converted Sonoma Creek into a raging torrent and it was running bank full for several hours. Below the Lord place the creek broke over its banks and did some damage.

TRILBY.

Schellville, Dec. 18, 1896.

Perfumery at Duhring's. Fine neck-wear at Duhring's. Sewing machines at Duhring's. Nuts and candy at Duhring's. Handkerchiefs in great variety at Duhring's.

Books and stationery at Duhring's.

Fruit Growers Attention.

Parties having dried fruit of any kind, in small or large quantities, to sell will consult their interests by calling upon or addressing John Batto & Son, Vineyard Station, Sonoma county.

Calendars at Duhring's.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

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PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

And Other Matters of Interest to the General Reader.

(Contributed by Marjorie Dow.)

Items of a personal and social nature are thankfully received at this office and will be edited by Marjorie Dow.

The report has been confirmed that Mrs. Lawrence, widow of the late Dr. L. B. Lawrence, was recently married in San Jose to Samuel Merk, formerly a teacher at Locust Grove. The newly married couple have taken up their residence at Paso Robles, Santa Barbara county.

The Ladies' Society of the Congregational Church will accept our thanks for tickets to their Christmas entertainment, which took place last Thursday and Friday.

Miss Olga Lundberg of San Francisco was a guest last week of Misses Stella and Zelma Johnson.

Joe B. Small was registered at the Russ House, San Francisco on Thursday.

There will be a sacred concert at the M. E. Church on Sunday evening, December 27th. Further particulars will be given in our next issue.

There will be Christmas exercises in the Methodist Church next Wednesday afternoon in which the the Sunday School children will participate.

Prof. C. L. Ennis, formerly of this place but at present Deputy Superintendent of the Los Angeles City Schools, has been selected Vice-President of the Southern California Teachers' Association. Mr. Ennis is a son-in-law of Mrs. R. B. Lyon of this city.

A deep sadness has pervaded this community the past week over the death of Mrs. Annie Weems (nee Perry), who died in Dr. Lane's Hospital, San Francisco, last Saturday night. The deceased was the young wife of Frank W. Weems and the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Perry, all of this place. Although her death was not entirely unexpected, still a lingering hope prevailed that she might ultimately recover, and upon the advice of her local physician she was taken to the above hospital on Wednesday of last week. On the following Friday an operation was performed by the surgeons of the institution, which at the time bid fair to be successful. As subsequent events showed, however, the shock was too great for a constitution already shattered by months of illness, and the day following the operation the poor, tired spirit passed away in the presence of her husband and a number of near and dear relatives. Dear, gentle Annie! In life she was so kind and true—so lovely of face, and so accomplished. Her gentleness of heart endeared her to everybody who knew her, and it can truthfully be said that "none knew her but to love her; none knew her but to praise." As these thoughts fill our mind it makes us sad to know that one so young and so gifted should have been taken from earth and from mortal vision forever in the summer of her life. The funeral took place from her parents' home on Napa street last Tuesday, the remains being followed by a large number of relatives and sympathetic friends to the silent city of the dead, where in that consecrated ground let us hope that our young friend may rest undisturbed till awakened by the sound of the Arch-Angel's trumpet on the judgment morning. The following young gentlemen, friends of her youth, acted as pallbearers: Dr. D. G. Atwood, John McDonnell, Clark Gaines, Stewart Elliot, James Carr and Clarence Cheney.

The Ideal sewing machine free to all who send in to this office by January 1st, 1897, three new subscribers to the INDEX-TRIBUNE. In learning to sew on this machine no trouble will be experienced as it runs light and smooth and full directions come with every machine. In make it is similar to the well-known Wilcox & Gibbs.

Julius Fochetti visited San Francisco on business last Monday.

Mrs. Wade of the metropolis (nee Simmons) visited her mother, Mrs. G. A. Goess, Sunday.

The High and Grammar Schools closed yesterday for the Christmas holidays. They will re-open some time in January.

Andrew Steiger of the metropolis spent several days of last week at his old home near Agua Caliente.

Editor McDonnell of the Sebastopol Times was in town Tuesday and acted as one of the pall-bearers at the funeral of Mrs. Annie Perry Weems.

Judge Davis of Tulare arrived in town Wednesday night quite ill. He was accompanied on his journey by his brother Dr. H. H. Davis, who is treating him at his residence on Broadway.

Miss Florence Thompson and Miss Annie Wadsworth visited San Francisco this week.

Benedetto Nicholini and Miss Giacomina Leoni were married in this place last Wednesday afternoon by Justice of the Peace Cheney. The young couple will take up their residence on the Chauvet place, near Glen Ellen.

Frank W. Weems left for San Francisco last Tuesday afternoon.

George Carr, a Sonoma boy, who for the past year has been employed in the car shops of the San Francisco and North Pacific Railway at Tiburon, is now a brakeman on the Sonoma Valley branch of that road.

BAL MASQUE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL DANCING CLUB.

The invitation bal masque given at Union Hall on Friday evening of last week by the High School Dancing Club eclipsed all social events of the season since the leap year ball given by the '96 Club. Throughout the evening joy reigned supreme and the merry maskers held full sway until 11 o'clock, when masks were removed and the real identity of the participants was revealed to the amusement of all. The decorations were unique and beautiful. Strings of large and small Japanese lanterns mingled with ferns and smilax were stretched across the hall and here and there a pumpkin with grotesque features seemed to mock the fun makers. The stage presented a forest scene with its banks of ferns and trees, and on one side was arranged a picturesque bower, beneath which the musicians played for the dancers. The stars and stripes together with palms and potted plants completed the artistic decorations. The ball was opened by a grand march and proclamation, which welcomed all to the dance. Miss Cecilia Granice, a baby girl, and Mr. Malcolm Elliot, a tramp, led the following in the march:

Miss Gussie Wright, princess.
Miss Maggie Church, bicycle girl.
Miss Mamie Church, night.
Miss Lucy Thompson, night.
Miss Grace Carner, grain.
Miss Julie Granice, tough bloomer girl.

Mrs. C. Ohm, school girl.
Miss Maude Young, fancy dress.
Miss Clara Cheney, pink domino.
Mrs. J. P. Weems, black domino.
Miss Zelma Johnson, Norman maid.

Miss Olga Lundberg, violets.
Miss Stella Johnson, French peasant.
Miss Sadie Agnew, smilax.
Mrs. F. Riser, milk maid.
Miss M. Thompson, fancy dress.
Leland S. Ramsdell, San Francisco, clown.

E. Donaldson, dude.
R. J. Corbet, centennial costume.

F. Young, sailor.
Geo. Phillips, dude.
F. Burris, prince.

A. W. Agnew, bloomers.
O. Soldate, clown.
Bert Jones, Irish devil.

E. Morris, blue domino.
Will Clewe, vaquero.
H. H. Granice, clown.

Clarence Cheney, cards.
Dr. D. G. Atwood, pink domino.
A. Schell, cavalier.

Benj. Weed, black domino.
R. M. Sims, pink domino.
C. Gaines, dorkie.

L. Leech, negro dude.

In addition to those in mask there were about fifty spectators. Smith and Newburgh of Petaluma furnished the music and Jas. H. Albertson acted as floor manager, to the satisfaction of the participants.

Dr. H. H. Davis was summoned to Tulare, Tulare county, by telegraph on Monday morning last to the bedside of his brother, Judge Davis, who is dangerously ill.

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As it has been the will of the Almighty to remove from our presence our dearly beloved daughter Annie we wish to publicly thank the many friends who lent their aid and sympathy during our late bereavement. MR. & MRS. G. M. PERRY.
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CULTURE OF CELERY.

KALAMAZOO RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF ITS CHIEF CENTERS.

What Hollanders Have Accomplished in the Vicinity of This Michigan Town—Varying Claims as to the Profits of Celery Growing.

Kalamazoo celery is so well known in every part of this country that the name is used for all the better kinds of celery, and, like Blue Point celery, and Little Neck claims, the guarantee contained in the name sells the article to the exclusion of other brands. The excellence of this celery is said to be due to three things—good seed, dark, heavy soil and care in growing and bleaching it. Careful packing might be added. But as any gardener can select good seed and give the plants good culture Kalamazoo must excel in the soil or better natural conditions as a celery region.

The celery meadows are just outside of the town of Kalamazoo, north and south of the city, and surrounded by hills, divided crosswise by a high ridge, on which the houses are built. The meadows are about three miles long and a mile wide. These bottom lands are not common on farming lands, but are composed of a peculiar form of black muck, the result of vegetable decomposition, and formerly they were so rich that no fertilizers were needed. Not more than a dozen years ago very little celery was raised on these meadows and none for shipment to other markets. Joseph Dunkley, the florist, was one of the pioneers in the industry, recognizing the peculiar value of the muck soil for celery. He owned one of the earliest celery farms, and it is reported that he amassed a fortune from the business before it was injured by competition.

In recent years the output has been so enormous that prices have dropped from 20 cents to 10 cents per dozen, and many growers have been complaining. The seasons of 1892-3 were comparatively poor ones, and a number of the growers left their farms to engage in the same business in the suburbs of New York, but they soon returned to their home town. The growers are nearly all Hollanders, and they live in dwellings on their small holdings, which generally consist of from five to ten acres. They are a frugal, industrious race, and they adopt the most advanced system of intensive farming. Five acres here easily support an ordinary Holland family, and there is no doubt but the head of it saves money.

The city of Kalamazoo is one of the prettiest in the country, and it owes not a little of this to the industry of the celery growers. The amount of celery shipped from the city varies from year to year, but a conservative estimate places the average quantity at 60 tons per day from July 1 to Jan. 1. This would mean about 8,000,000 dozens, and at 10 cents per dozen this would amount to \$800,000. As this is a very low estimate, one is almost safe in saying that the industry nets the town at least \$500,000 a year.

The bunches of celery are packed in wooden boxes and shipped to commission men. The boxes are made in the town, giving employment to a number of mechanics. They are about the size of a peach crate, 24 inches long, 16 inches wide and 6 to 8 inches deep. Fertilizers are now used freely upon the already rich bottom lands, and every time a grower takes a load of celery into the town he brings back a load of fertilizer. It is claimed that four crops of celery are raised in one season on the land, but this is not literally true. The farmers make four plantings, which mature from July to December, but these can hardly be called four crops. The first planting is made early, and as this celery must be bleached with boards it is an inferior grade. The old saying is that celery is not fit to eat until after the first frost, and in a sense this is true, but modern conditions of our markets demand that celery shall be ready for use all the year round. The southern growers send it north early in summer, and since people will buy this vegetable out to send their product to the cities much earlier than five years ago.

The question of profit in celery growing is a disputed one, and, like strawberry farming, there are stories current of farmers making \$300 per acre, while others claim that if they make \$50 per acre they are doing well. At Greentown, O., where the largest celery farm under the control of one man is located, the profits are said to average between \$300 and \$400 per acre. There are nearly 100 acres planted with celery on that farm, and if these figures are correct the owner has every reason to believe that farming does pay. Like the Kalamazoo celery lands, the soil at Greentown, O., is exceedingly rich and well adapted to the culture of the celery plant. But even so, cheap labor must be employed to make the farm pay anything like the \$300 or \$400 per acre. Here in Kalamazoo the growers believe that \$100 and \$200 per acre is a good profit, and a man with ten acres of soil need not suffer greatly with such an income. Six years ago the same land could have made profits of \$400 per acre, but then the growers were receiving just twice as much for their celery as they are today.—Kalamazoo Cor. New York Post.

Pressure at the Earth's Center. The philosophers who have figured on the condition of things at the earth's center give opinions which vary widely. Some think that the earth's interior is composed of white hot molten matter. Others are of the opinion that the pressure is so great that all substances have been condensed beyond our powers of conception. Dr. Young goes so far as to say that a block of steel 10 feet square would be pressed into a block only 2 feet square if taken 4,000 miles below the earth's surface.

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DEAF AND DUMB.

What It Means to Be Cut Off From Speech and Hearing.

To be deaf is to be unable to hear, and to be dumb is to be unable to talk. The lack of hearing is remedied by teaching the child to use his eyes and understand either signs or the motions of the lips, and the lack of speech is remedied by teaching the child to use his vocal organs or his hands to make others understand, and behold, the task is accomplished, and he is "just like other folks!" Not one thought is given to language, to the wonderful medium of exchange by means of which the business of life is carried on, that is supposed to come by nature, or instinct, or miracle, but never by teaching.

A cultured lady, a literary woman, said to me once, after seeing some deaf children and hearing them go through certain vocal exercises which included every elementary sound in the English language: "Now, if these children can make all these sounds correctly, why don't they go right on and talk? What hinders them?" She was a bright woman, and when a very short explanation had been given her the reason flashed upon her, and she said: "Why, what a fool I am! I see! They've got something to say, and the mechanical ability to say it, but no language to say it in."

And in that one sentence she expressed the reason for being of all the institutions and schools for the deaf in the country. "No language to say it in," that expresses the condition of a deaf child's mind before he is taught very well, but perhaps "and no language to think it in" should be added. Let the reader try for himself and see how much confusion he can accomplish without words, and if with his mind trained by years of intelligent thinking he can do little until the words come, let him imagine, if he can, the state of a mind cut off from language.—Mabel E. Adams in Popular Science Monthly.

SLAUGHTER OF DEER.

Game Killed in Montana by Sportsmen Just For the Fun of the Thing.

W. H. Wright tells in Recreation where much of Montana's game has gone. He says:

"I have known two self called sportsmen to leave Spokane for two days, and on returning tell of having killed 63 deer, a story the ranchmen at whose home they put up corroborated. That was years ago. It would take a long hunt there now to kill 63 deer. I once knew a man to go and make a winter camp and kill over 100 deer, which he hung up. He tried to sell them where they hung, but failed. He went east somewhere, where he lived, and I've never heard of him since. He claimed to have killed 100, but I counted 150 carcasses in sight near his camp the following spring.

"While going from Palmer's lake, in Washington, to the Salmon river I passed through Toatscoulee and stopped overnight near a small lake on which was camped a party of hunters. It would have been easy to load a four horse wagon with the heads of deer along that were piled up in one place. There were deer carcasses all about the camp.

"I could name more than 50 of such hunters who have killed thousands of deer and left them where they fell. Only last winter two men left Spokane and killed 33 deer in Idaho, not bringing out a pound of meat to show for it. "I have seen many Indian hunts, one of which resulted in the death of over 400 deer, but not one of the deer was wasted. The Indians hunt and then eat the meat before they hunt again. They kill to eat, but the whites kill for fun. Last spring one man in the Bitter Root valley killed seven elk without stirring from his track. Not one was saved."

Tennyson and His Wife. Tennyson was devoted to his wife, but, like a man of true taste, he wrote very little about his feeling for her. That beautiful dedication beginning, "Dear, near and true," is that bit of his writing which will be most often associated with her name. She was a shrewd critic of her husband's work. Tennyson has been accused of inability to fuse the different portions of a long poem, and the difference in style between "The Coming of Arthur" and "The Passing of Arthur" and the other "Idylls of the King" has been cited in illustration. Concerning this difference Lady Tennyson said to her son only two days before her death, "He said 'The Coming of Arthur' and 'The Passing of Arthur' are purposely simpler in style than the other Idylls as dealing with the awfulness of birth and death," and she wished this statement of the poet to be put on record in her son's biography of his father.—New York Tribune.

A Queer Coin. Fully half of the grown up people of France believe the old story that Napoleon Bonaparte put a check for 100,000 francs in a silver 5 franc piece and that the coin is yet in circulation. They say that the people did not want the 5 franc piece, and that in order to create a demand for it Napoleon resorted to the device mentioned. The check or treasury order, it is said, was written upon asbestos paper and inclosed in the metal at the time the coin was made. Thousands of 5 franc pieces are annually broken open and have been so inspected since the story of the check was first circulated.—New York Journal.

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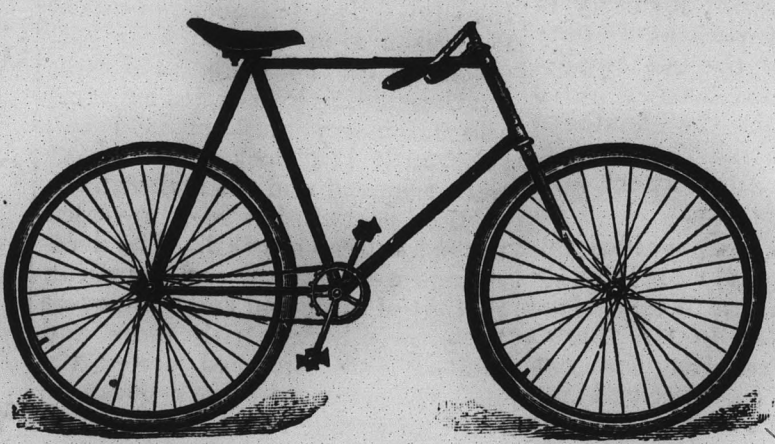
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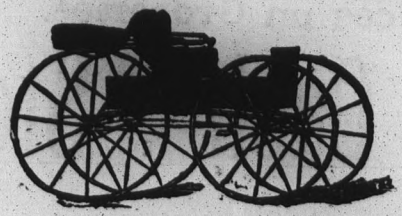
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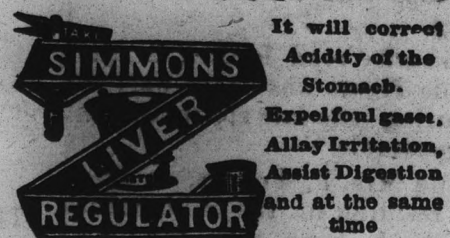
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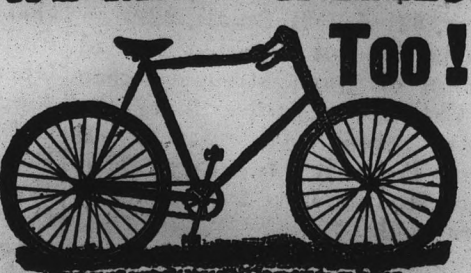
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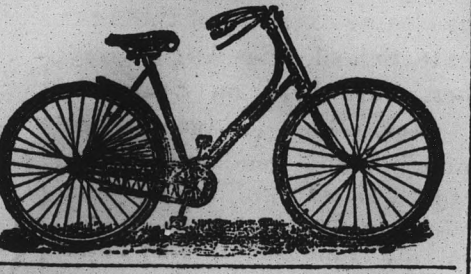
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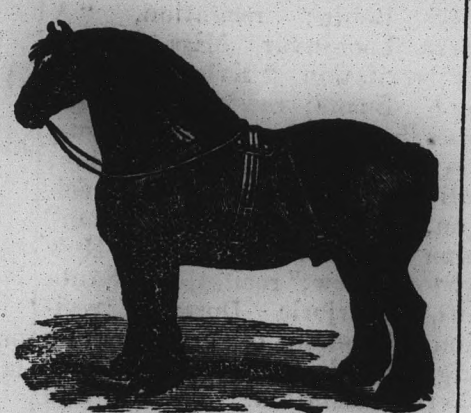
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